

SAW PLENTY OF MACKEREL

Schools Were So Wild Capt. Jacobs Could Not Stop Them.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. Elmer E. Gray, which arrived at Fulton Market, New York, yesterday noon, reports a large body of mackerel to the southward, in two divisions. He predicts a big catch for the netters and believes the seiners will yet do well, when the large body of medium mackerel, now well to the southward, comes farther north.

Capt. Jacobs reports heavy weather on the fishing grounds, filling the seine boat several times while out for schools.

He says he has been among mackerel almost constantly between 37.10 north latitude and 74.50 west longitude, and from that point, up to latitude 39, but says fog, heavy weather and the wildness of the schools has precluded any large catches.

Mackerel at New York.

Fresh mackerel at New York yesterday brought 25 cents for large and 18 and 20 cents for mediums.

The netter Tecumseh, Capt. Frank Nolan, was the only mackerel at New York this morning. She has 1700 fish in count.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel Firth, counted out 12,500 fresh mackerel as the result of her trip to Fulton Dock, Monday.

Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

Boston received her share of the large catch of mackerel brought to New York Monday, and yesterday morning there were mackerel in every one of the wholesale stores. The fish were sold at a fairly reasonable price, and ought to be within the reach of purchasers. Buyers, however, are apt to consider the price alone, not taking into account the weight of the fish, which run all the way from two pounds to four pounds in weight.

Mackerel Reported Off Cape Sable.

Capt. George Street of the three masted sch. Gladys F., which arrived at Boston yesterday from Burgeo, N. F., telephoned here last evening to Capt. Charles Forbes of sch. Thomas J. Carroll, regarding some large schools of fish which he had seen off Cape Sable, while coming along and which he felt sure were mackerel. He said that on Sunday, when 15 miles south by east from the automatic buoy off Cape Sable, he sailed through school after school of fish. The captain says he has been catching herring all his life, but feels sure that they were not herring. The schools would rush and were accompanied by clouds of birds and in his opinion they were mackerel.

Irish Mackerel Fishery.

The correspondent of the Fishing Gazette in Ireland writes under date of April 26 as follows:

Spring and summer mackerel fishing opened here on Friday last. Five boats shot nets; fishing two thousand down; splendid quality; all sent to fresh markets. All boats are expected to be ready for sea this week, and the season promises to be a very successful one on this shore.

Curing for the American market commences about Whitsun week so that the first shipment will be ready May 20. Curers here hope to do a better trade with their American friends this season.

HADDOCK SOLD AT \$6 PER CWT.

Unprecedented Price For So Late in the Season.

Just think of \$6 for haddock and cod out of the vessel, in the middle of May! The fishermen say they never heard of it before and the T wharf buyers say they never paid such prices before at this time of the year. Figuring four pound mackerel selling at New York for 25 cents each and these fancy fish have nothing in price per pound on the more plebian all-the-year-round cod and haddock.

To be sure there is not a great supply of these fish at T wharf today, not near enough to supply the demand, 60,000 pounds being the sum total of cod and haddock in, along with 170,000 pounds of hake and cusk, for which latter there is no great demand and only average prices.

Some of the hake will go to Gloucester to split, but the cod and haddock are all boxed and shipped by this time.

Schs. Rebecca, Catherine and Ellen and Mary Edith have mostly hake and cusk and sch. Ida S. Brooks with 20,000 pounds has the largest fare of market goods.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 cod, 30,000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Morning Star, 2000 cod.

Sch. Rebecca, 8000 cod, 40,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Actor, 7000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 1200 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1800 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 2500 haddock, 1200 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Leo, 2500 haddock, 35,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod, 28,000 hake, 11,000 cusk.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Haddock, \$5.25 to \$6 per cwt.; cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.25.

General Salt Fish Trade.

Speaking of the general salt fish trade, the Fishing Gazette says:

"The demand for salt fish remains quiet, but with the incoming of the spring supplies dealers look for an improvement. Stocks of about all kinds are light.

"It is understood that the stocks of Norway mackerel which were held on the other side for better prices in the United States, have been practically all shipped.

"The Irish mackerel fishing continues poor, and the spring curing is slow in starting. Small fish are quoted in the local market at \$11 to \$11.50. "Herrings of about all kinds are moving slowly.

"The export trade continues dull. While shipments to Porto Rico last week were light, those of this week are again quite substantial.

"There is no present prospect of an improvement in the demand or in prices, particularly as holders still endeavor to clean up old stocks as fast as possible; and some new fish are in process at this time.

"Old hake and pollock are said to be well cleaned up; and there will doubtless be a fair demand for the next cure of these articles.

"The Gazette's Halifax correspondent says that the season being from three weeks to a month earlier than usual, a plentiful fishery is taken for granted; but indications lead to the belief that lower figures for the leading staple of the table, dry cod, are not to be expected for a considerable time.

"Trade abroad is somewhat improved, with the exception of Italy, where the demand for fish is very slow at present."

Portland Fish Notes.

But very few fish are being brought in by the local fleet at the present time. The two netting steamers Carrie and Mildred and the Robert and Edwin bring in a few every day and the small boats are also doing a little, but the average catches are unusually small, not one-half as much as should be landed daily at this season of the year.

Monday a carload of 24,000 pounds of halibut was received by Lord Bros. on Central wharf from North Sydney. It was the first ever shipped here in this manner, but will not be the last by any means. Two more cars are to be loaded in Nova Scotia and will be here before the end of the week.

Many others will follow for it is planned to have from 60,000 to 80,000 pounds sent to Portland every week. The fish will be smoked by Lord Bros. and marketed by them.

The fish were shipped here by the Langan Fish Company. The fish were caught last week on the Newfoundland coast, taken to Sydney, C. B., by the well known Portland fishing schooner Fanny Hayden, thence shipped to Portland by car, which left North Sydney on Friday last, arriving here Monday in splendid condition, the car being less than three days in making the run.

FEW ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

Two Fares For Splitters and Small Lot Flitched Halibut.

There is not enough fish here this morning to talk about, just a few for the splitters, that's all.

Sch. Mary Edith came down from Boston last night with 30,000 pounds of hake for F. F. Smith & Co., and sch. Alice M. Guthrie brought down 40,000 pounds of cusk and markets for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan was the only pollocker to get any fish yesterday and brought in 5000 pounds.

The harbor is unusually bare of fishing vessels, there being not over 20 sail in port. Of these three are taking out fish, one is repairing five are fitting for mackerel seining, one fitting for dory handlining, four lying at wharves and the other about ready to sail on various voyages.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 4000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, via Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibut-ing.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Preceptor, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Will Command Sch. Quannopowitt.

Capt. Robert Corey will command sch. Quannopowitt in the market fishery.

Baited at Edgartown.

Sch. Almeida baited at Edgartown and sailed from there Tuesday.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Selma was at Portland yesterday with 10,000 lbs. of halibut.

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SEVEN NETTERS AT NEW YORK.

No Further Reports of Seiners Taking Mackerel.

None of the seining fleet were reported at New York this morning, but seven of the netters were there with catches, ranging from 200 to 1200 fish in count. Boston reports that the New York dealers are asking 35 cents.

The trips in are:

Netters at New York.

Sch. E. H. Smeed, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
Sloop Golden Eagle, 200 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dorcas, 200 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olive May, 600 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 1200 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lear C., 700 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Mackerel at New York of Fine Quality.

The mackerel received from New York Wednesday by the Boston dealers were the best seen here for several seasons. The fish were large and came in good condition. Between 350 and 400 barrels were sold to Boston, and most of those were gone to retailers by yesterday morning.

A few mackerel were received at Boston from Edgartown and some from traps along Cape Cod yesterday morning. The shortage in New York brought a rise in price.

Dominion Fish Movements.

Sand Point—Lobsters fair.
Lockeport—Cod and lobsters fair; best boat 12,000 lbs. cod.
Liverpool—Salmon plenty; cod and lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair; cod and salmon scarce.
Spry Bay—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Canso—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.
Port Malcom—Lobsters plenty; no herring.
Arichat—Cod and lobsters fair.
Petit-de-grat—Lobsters fair.
St. Peter's—Lobsters fair.
Gabarus—Lobsters fair.
Louisburg—Lobsters fair; herring scarce.
Main-a-dieu—Cod fair; herring and lobsters scarce.
St. Ann's—Herring and lobsters fair; cod scarce.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fish market still continues favorable and good prices rule. The small boatmen who come into port every day with anywhere from 1000 to 3000 pounds of mixed fish are receiving good prices for their fares and as a result are making a neat sum in the absence of the big boats.

Tuesday the water in Portland's docks was dusty. Sounds fishy, but it is a fact nevertheless. Clouds of the fine particles of earth dried by the recent warm weather were blown down the wharves and into the docks. There the water sheltered from the off shore wind by the wharves, was covered with the gray matter, and presented an extremely dirty appearance as a result.

Among the trips of fish brought in Tuesday were the steamers Carrie and Mildred with 2000 and the Quoddy with 1500.

Will Bring Lobsters from Digby, N. S.

Owing to the great falling off in the catch of fish recently the steamer Robert & Edwin, which has been engaged in netting off Portland, Me., for several months, is going out of that business and after being inspected by United States Inspectors Polister and Trevett will proceed to Digby, N. S., and for the next two months will be employed in bringing lobsters from that place to the pound at Millbridge. The four schooners which went from here to the provinces a month ago in search of lobsters have been heard from as securing a supply, but have not yet arrived back at the pounds along the Maine coast. Lobsters are reported as not being as plentiful as usual for the season alongshore, but the Nova Scotia fishermen seem to be making good hauls, judging from the quantities arriving by steamer at Boston from that direction.

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SCH. STILETTO LAUNCHED YESTERDAY

Craft Is a Handsome Addition to Gloucester's Fishing Fleet.

Shortly after the stroke of 12 yesterday noon, the handsome new schooner Stiletto was released from the stocks at Bishop's yard and glided into the waters of Vincent Cove, in the presence of a large number of well wishers and spectators.

It was a successful launching in every detail, and the craft slid off gracefully without a hitch or accident, much to the satisfaction of her builder and owners.

Sch. Stiletto is from one of McMannus' most recent and special designs of the the up-to-date fishing schooner, and the new craft certainly is a beauty, and has attracted much attention. She is of the semi-knockabout type, designed for durability and speed, and will no doubt give a good account of herself.

The craft is 106 feet long, 24 feet, nine inches beam, and 11 feet, four inches in depth of hold. She is owned by Orlando Merchant, and when ready for sea, will be commanded by Capt. Charles H. Hart, one of the most successful and well known skippers of this port, who will take her on a seining trip to the Cape Shore.

Immediately after the launching, the craft was towed to Burnham's shears to have her spars stepped, after which she will be fitted for her maiden trip, so as to be able to get away in about a week, according to her owner's plans.

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EIGHT FISH FARES AT T WHARF.

Prices Get Boost Over Yesterday's High Figures.

There are but eight arrivals at T wharf this morning, six market boats and two drifters. The trips are small and prices high, even a quarter better on cod and haddock than yesterday's \$6 market.

The fares range from 5000 to 15,000 pounds, cod and haddock predominating which means fine stock for even small catches.

Yesterday afternoon steamer Pet had a small lot of pollock and sch. Frances P. Mesquita had an 83,000 pound fare, mostly hake and got them all out to market but 20,000 pounds. Sch. Aspinet with 59,000 pounds, 55,000 pounds of which were cod cleaned out everything and will get a big stock.

The receipts and prices in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 1200 haddock, 7000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 8500 cod.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Belbina B. Domingoes, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 2000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Steamer Pet, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, 5000 cod, 70,000 hake, 80,000 cusk.
Sch. Marion, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$5 to \$6.50 per cwt.; cod, \$5; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.30; pollock, \$1.25.

Boston Fishing Vessels Repairing.

The big off-shore fisherman Josie and Phebe was stripped of her winter sails yesterday morning, and will be towed to East Boston, where she will be overhauled and repainted, and will then take on her light summer sails before starting in on her regular summer work.

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Schs. Quannapowitt and Mattakeset were towed to T wharf yesterday morning, repainted and made ready for their light sails. The captain of sch. Mattakeset found that his vessel was heavy, and took out several tons of ballast, which he thinks will make her faster.

Capt. George Perry of the knock-about Warren M. Goodspeed has gone to visit his old home in Nova Scotia while his vessel is on the ways for repainting and overhauling. He will be back by the end of next week, when the work on the schooner will be finished.

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POLLOCKERS HAVE SMALL FARES.

Only Fish Receipts Except Partial Trip of Hake.

There is nothing out of the commonplace in the line of fishing arrivals here this morning, indeed the only craft to arrive during the night was sch. Frances P. Mesquita, from Boston, with 20,000 pounds of hake for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company to split.

The pollock fleet returned to port late yesterday afternoon. Most of them had small catches and some had none at all. The only sizable fare was that of sch. Reliance, Capt. John Nelson, who snared 27,000 pounds in the seine. The other catches ranged from 5000 to 13,000 pounds. The captains report pollock now in small schools off here and are hoping for a few warm days, when they expect the fish to bunch up again and show in good shape.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Reliance, shore, 27,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Beatrice E., shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Elthier, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Independence, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Water Witch, shore.
Sch. Freedom, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, drifting.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Massachusetts, south seining.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, handling.

Today's Fish Market.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis was at Canso, N. S., Monday.
Sch. Corona sailed from Canso, N. S., Monday, for the Magdalene.

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Crew Have Shared \$185 in Six Weeks.

Capt. John Pettyshaw, who six weeks ago took charge of the fishing schooner Nokomis, has done remarkably well in the line of stock. Sale of the vessel's catches since that time has brought \$2000, and to the credit of each member of the crew is the sum of \$185. The Nokomis is at this port this morning to have a new power engine installed and to fit out for swordfishing.

Made Quick Trip.

Sch. Catherine Burke Capt. Augustus G. Hall, which arrived at Portland yesterday with a fresh halibut fare, was only 15 days gone on the trip. She had 6000 pounds of salt cod in addition to her 25,000 pounds of halibut.

Will Fit for Swordfishing.

Sch. Astor, after one more shore trip, will fit for swordfishing.

NEW CREW SHIPPED.

Sch. Ramona Put Into Liverpool, N. S., on Flitching Trip.

Sch. Ramona, which sailed from here May 3, put into Liverpool, N. S., a few days after. Difficulties arose which prevented proceeding, and more men were sent from here on Wednesday, going along with Capt. Fred Upshell, who will take command of the craft and proceed on a flitching halibut trip.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty sailed from Canso, N. S., Tuesday.

Sch. Mary E. Curtis sailed from Canso, N. S., Tuesday.

Sch. Dictator was at Edgartown Wednesday for bait.

DOGFISH KEPT AFTER SCHOONER

Broke Up Trip of Sch. William H. Moody.

"Chased by dogfish." That would be a good title for a stirring five cent novel. It truthfully tells what befell sch. William H. Moody of this port which arrived in Portland Tuesday. The craft had been out on Georges after cod and halibut. She found them, but she also found dogfish, plenty of them.

Capt. William Sheaves reported on his arrival that he had never seen them thicker. He would anchor in one place and no sooner would they begin to fish than the piscatorial canines would strip the hooks and bait. If any cod happened to take a hook the chances were pretty good when the fish was hauled on board to find that they had a big chunk bitten out by the scavengers.

When the dogfish became too thick in one place, as they often did, Capt. Sheaves would start fishing in another only to find that the miniature sharks had followed him there. The dogfish became so plentiful and threatened the fishing so much that after four weeks sail was hoisted and the schooner came into Portland. She had 4000 pounds of halibut which were sold to J. W. Trefethen and 15,000 pounds of salt fish which were not taken out.

Capt. Sheaves said that the appearance of the dogfish was the only event on the trip but that was bad enough. Perfect weather was enjoyed for during the whole four weeks not a gale was encountered and the seas were calm all the time.

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TWO SEINERS AND SEVEN NETTERS

Reported at New York With Mackerel This Morning.

Two seiners with small catches and seven netters, some of them with good ones, are the mackerel arrivals at Fulton Market, New York, this morning. Boston advices report 30 cents each as the price today. All the crafts have bloater mackerel.

The arrivals are:

Seiners at New York.

Sch. Arcadia, 2000 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 2000 large fresh mackerel.

Netters at New York.

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 200 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 700 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 190 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hockomock, 1100 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 900 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1400 large fresh mackerel.

Porgies Bothering the Mackerel Netters.

Capt. Alex Goyetche of the mackerel netter N. A. Rowe, which arrived at New York yesterday, reports there is an immense body of porgies on the coast and that on Tuesday night his nets were so filled with these fish that two of them sank. He reports it as being the largest body of porgies he has ever seen on this coast. Capt. Goyetche also says there is a large body of mackerel just outside the porgies, but that the mackerel are so close to the porgies it makes the fishing difficult.

Capt. Noonan of the Diana also reports fish as being plentiful, but the weather is unfavorable for their capture.

The mackerel landed at New York yesterday were caught 25 miles south-east of the Highlands of Navesink.

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Portland Fish Notes.

After this month it will be illegal to ship clams out of the state for the rest of the summer. This applies to clams in every state of preparation, whether just as dug in the shells or shocked or newly canned. It is, however, legal to ship clams that have been canned before June 1, but after that date it will be illegal even to can the bivalves.

Few herring are now being taken in this vicinity, the sardine factory at South Portland getting most of the fish they are now canning from Port Clyde, the bulk of the catch now being made in the Georges river. Advices from Eastport received here recently stated that the run of sardine fish on the Maine coast continues light and the pack so far has been small. The principal packers still withhold opening prices on the 1910 output.

It never rains but it pours is a saying that applies to the catch of halibut at the present time. Two more fares arrived Wednesday, adding over 40,000 pounds to an already overstocked market, with the result that only six cents per pound was paid for the fish right through.

Wednesday's arrivals:
Steamer Carrie & Mildred, with 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, with 2000 lbs. fish.

Salt Fish Market Conditions.

Says the Fishing Gazette of the prevailing salt fish market conditions:

"An improved demand particularly for mackerel, is reported in the salt fish trade. Prices, however, remain about the same as they have been. New Irish mackerel are expected the latter part of the month and it is thought will open at \$10.50 @ 11.00 for 350 to 400 count. The fishing has been poor, and little curing has been done as yet.

"Pacific Coast codfish is at last moving, speculators, it is said, having taken heavy losses in order to rid themselves before the hot weather.

"With at least one vessel loading in Nova Scotia, and the large deliveries this week, especially as there are tow steamers from Newfoundland and Halifax due, supplies for Porto Rico for the present will doubtless be ample. At the same time, the market is active, and the demand very fair for this season of the year.

"Old hake, haddock and pollock are entirely cleaned up, and there will be a good demand for the first new stock at full prices.

"Continued cool weather keeps the limited spot stock in very good order."

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FRESH FISH PRICES LOWER

But Still Good With Small Fleet at T Wharf.

There are only a few of the market fleet at Boston today, with one pollock seiner and a fresh drifter sandwiched in. Prices, though considerably off from Wednesday and Thursday are still good.

Haddock brought from \$3.25 to \$4.25 and large cod \$4 to \$4.50. Hake sold from \$1 to \$3 and pollock at \$1.10.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, from offshore, has a light trip her captain reporting bad weather and hordes of dogfish. The fares in range from 2500 to 23,000 pounds.

Fancy fish were scarce in the Boston market yesterday morning. Only 30 barrels of mackerel were received from New York, and the prospect of more today is very good, as there were only a few of the small netters there, and none of them had made large catches.

Shad have grown suddenly scarce, and New York is sending only a few, while the fishermen on the Kennebec sent up by rail yesterday only 17 barrels of shad. Today the dealers expect that they will have a large quantity from there, however, as the fishermen favor the steamer for sending their fish.

Lobsters are plenty in the market, and the fishermen who send by the Yarmouth steamer sent up 1150 crates, and those who fish near Halifax sent 72 crates.

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The shipments of salmon grow with each steamer, and yesterday morning there were 20 large boxes of salmon on the Yarmouth steamer, each box having from 10 to 20 fish.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 3500 haddock, 300 cod, 2500 hake.

Steamer Esther Gray, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.

Steamer Philomena, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 hake 1000 halibut.

Sch. Appomattox, 500 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 3500 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1 to \$3; pollock, \$1.10.

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CAUGHT A STURGEON.

George Newell of Small Point Landed Most Unusual Fish.

George Newell of Small Point, Me., had the surprise of his life Monday afternoon when fishing off the mouth of the Kennebec river. He had been netting for shad and when he hauled in one of his nets, he found a most unusual looking fish. It was later identified as a sturgeon.

Sturgeons are rare in these waters and it is not often one is met with. This particular fish had been up the Kennebec spawning, and when she came down was caught in the net. Mr. Newell brought this fish to Portland and sold it to J. H. McDonald in whose window it is now on exhibition. A sturgeon looks like a cross between an alligator and a pickerel. There are points on the back and scales of many colors, which when wet are extremely iridescent.

The sturgeon rests alongside a porpoise in the McDonald window, another rare fish there.